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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE TITLE OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the Title of the Invention to read as follows:

-- SURFACE ACOUSTIC WAVE MODULATOR --

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert on page 1, before line 1, please insert the new paragraph as presented on the attached sheet.

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